

(c) These Centres are established and maintained by respective State Governments out of the funds provided under Minimum Need Programme/Basic Minimum Services and the Additional Central Assistance provided for the purpose. During Ninth Plan period, an allocation of Rs. 14433.85 crores has been made under State Sector Health Outlay, which includes provision for MNP/BMS.

Rejuvenating the Rural Health Structure

1451. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to rejuvenate the dying rural health structure by setting up primary health centres network, stretching upto remote villages in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme and the time fixed for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) Development of Health infrastructure for rural areas is reviewed at regular intervals, especially before formulation of the five years plans. Primary Health Centres are set up by the State Governments out of funds provided under Minimum Needs Programme/Basic Minimum Services and Additional Central Assistance provided for the purpose.

A PHC covers a population of 30,000 in plain areas and 20,000 in hilly/tribal areas. A target for establishment of 1521 PHCs has been set up for Ninth Five Year Plan period to ensure maximum outreach of Health Care Services to the people in remote rural areas.

Policy for periodic health check up

1452. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are contemplating to introduce any new policy in the country under which people

will have to undergo periodic health check-ups to help in checking the spread of deadly disease of cancer;

(b) if so, by when the above policy is likely to be formulated and implemented in the country; and

(c) the necessary steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]:

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In view of above, question does not arise.

Privatisation of Hospitals

1453. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

CHAUDHARY CHUNNI LAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item "Government hospitals may go private", appearing in the Economic Times, dated 11th July, 2000;

(b) if so, the reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government propose to privatise hospitals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]:

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) There is no proposal under consideration in this Ministry to privatise Central Government Hospitals in Delhi. The Government of NCT of Delhi has also informed that at present they have no policy to privatise its Hospitals.

Health for All

1454. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any steps for achieving the goal of health for all;